## **HOUSE BILL No. 1474**

## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 6-1.1-12-13; IC 6-1.1-12-14.

**Synopsis:** Property tax deductions for veterans. Extends the disabled veteran property tax deductions to veterans who served in actual combat or other equally hazardous duty, regardless of time, or any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition that is recognized by a service or campaign medal of the United States.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.





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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

## **HOUSE BILL No. 1474**

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 6-1.1-12-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.291-2001
SECTION 135, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 13. (a) Except as provided in
section 40.5 of this chapter, an individual may have twelve thousand
dollars (\$12,000) deducted from the assessed value of the taxable
tangible property that the individual owns, or real property, a mobile
home not assessed as real property, or a manufactured home no
assessed as real property that the individual is buying under a contrac
that provides that the individual is to pay property taxes on the rea
property, mobile home, or manufactured home, if the contract or a
memorandum of the contract is recorded in the county recorder's office
and if:

- (1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the United States during:
  - (A) any of its wars; or
  - (B) actual combat or equally hazardous duty, regardless of time, or any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which



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1	service is recognized by the award of a service or campaign
2	medal of the United States;
3	(2) the individual received an honorable discharge;
4	(3) the individual is disabled with a service connected disability
5	of ten percent (10%) or more; and
6	(4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:
7	(A) a pension certificate, an award of compensation, or a
8	disability compensation check issued by the United States
9	Department of Veterans Affairs; or
10	(B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the
11	Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana
12	department of veterans' affairs has determined that the
13	individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a
14	deduction under this section.
15	(b) The surviving spouse of an individual may receive the deduction
16	provided by this section if the individual would qualify for the
17	deduction if the individual were alive.
18	(c) One who receives the deduction provided by this section may not
19	receive the deduction provided by section 16 of this chapter. However,
20	the individual may receive any other property tax deduction which the
21	individual is entitled to by law.
22	(d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not
23	assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real
24	property to another person under a contract that provides that the
25	contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile
26	home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided
27	under this section against that real property, mobile home, or
28	manufactured home.
29	SECTION 2. IC 6-1.1-12-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.291-2001,
30	SECTION 136, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in
32	subsection (c) and except as provided in section 40.5 of this chapter, an
33	individual may have the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) deducted
34	from the assessed value of the tangible property that the individual
35	owns (or the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property,
36	or manufactured home not assessed as real property that the individual
37	is buying under a contract that provides that the individual is to pay
38	property taxes on the real property, mobile home, or manufactured
39	home if the contract or a memorandum of the contract is recorded in
40	the county recorder's office) if:

(1) the individual served in the military or naval forces of the



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United States:

1	(A) for at least ninety (90) days; or	
2	(B) during actual combat or equally hazardous duty,	
3	regardless of time, or service in any foreign war,	
4	insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by	
5	the award of a service or campaign medal of the United	
6	States;	
7	(2) the individual received an honorable discharge;	
8	(3) the individual either:	
9	(A) is totally disabled; or	
10	(B) is at least sixty-two (62) years old and has a disability of at	
11	least ten percent (10%); and	
12	(4) the individual's disability is evidenced by:	
13	(A) a pension certificate or an award of compensation issued	
14	by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; or	
15	(B) a certificate of eligibility issued to the individual by the	
16	Indiana department of veterans' affairs after the Indiana	
17	department of veterans' affairs has determined that the	
18	individual's disability qualifies the individual to receive a	
19	deduction under this section.	
20	(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), the surviving spouse of an	
21	individual may receive the deduction provided by this section if the	
22	individual would qualify for the deduction if the individual were alive.	
23	(c) No one is entitled to the deduction provided by this section if the	
24	assessed value of the individual's tangible property, as shown by the tax	
25	duplicate, exceeds fifty-four thousand dollars (\$54,000).	
26	(d) An individual who has sold real property, a mobile home not	
27	assessed as real property, or a manufactured home not assessed as real	
28	property to another person under a contract that provides that the	
29	contract buyer is to pay the property taxes on the real property, mobile	
30	home, or manufactured home may not claim the deduction provided	
31	under this section against that real property, mobile home, or	
32	manufactured home.	
33	SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] IC 6-1.1-12-13 and	
34	IC 6-1.1-12-14, both as amended by this act, apply to taxable years	



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beginning after December 31, 2003.